



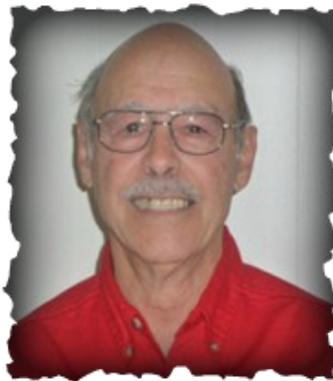
# Trail Blazing Sams

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### **FALL SAMBOREE 2011**

15 members (including 3 Staff), 1 drive-in and 3 guests enjoyed a very exciting week at the Fall Samboree in Eustis, Florida. After such a busy week everyone has come home to rest and to get ready for our next campout. While we do have fun at these Samborees we also work very hard. At time things become a little hectic but we all survived and along the way set some new records. Attendees came from states such as Michigan, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

[Southern Pines RV Resort](#) in Eustis hosted us. Their Staff was really great and true to their advertisement "Always willing to do their best to make your stay a wonderful experience." At times we were not so sure the residents expressed the same feeling. In any event our stay at Southern Palms was very enjoyable and we all look forward to returning next year.

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Our State Staff was at their usual best. What a great job they did. For many their day begins long before we awake and for most the day does not end until we have all retired. We salute them and thank them for making this and all Samborees so enjoyable for us.

Many of the 370 plus rigs arrived on Tuesday “Early Bird Day”. After setting up and registering our members relaxed and discussed plans for the many activities which we were to participate in. Later in the evening it was time for the popular game Sambo, Good Sams version of Bingo. Several of our members donated to the purse while a few others sold water and added to our treasury.

## Ice Cold Water for Sale

The call “Get your ice cold water” could be heard throughout the whole week wherever people met. Indoors – Outdoors it didn’t matter. For the first time we were asked to sell water at all the functions including the evening programs. Water did we sell!! Under Joan Conway’s direction many members participated and as a result of our collective efforts we set a new record for water sales. Almost \$300.00 net proceeds will be going to Dogs for the Deaf Program. Congratulations to all.



Left: Richard Ormsby

Wednesday the first formal day of the Samboree began with breakfast, signing up for the games, visiting the raffles and vendors. After lunch the games began. Caroline Johnson and her many workers set up the various games. TBS did produce one winner Wednesday as Richard Ormsby captured first place in Euchre. Someone over heard Jeannette saying, “I don’t know how that happened, he’s not a very good Euchre player”. Oh well. Later in the day it was an early dinner and then time for the opening ceremonies.



## COLOR GUARD : ATTENTION!

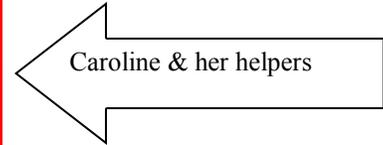
Sergeant of the Arms Bill Conway gave the commands and directed TBS’s Color Guard in the opening ceremony. Proudly presenting the Colors were; Rifleman Bill Carter, Flag Bearers Richard Ormsby, John Rüssano, Chuck Potter and Rifleman Serge Frechette. The presentation was crisp

and flawless. At the conclusion we received a loud ovation for a job well done. Many of the State Staff and others commented on how wonderful it was to see the Colors presented properly. Our thanks goes out to Bill Conway for a job well done.

Due to an early Thursday morning rain storm the days outdoor games was delayed giving everyone a chance for a more leisure breakfast. Once the skies cleared the days activities began, Bean Bag Baseball was first on the agenda and then onto the indoor games. Once again Caroline got her workers in place and did another fine job



Richard & Jeannette Ormsby, Lorraine Zecher-Joanne Lima-Caroline Johnson-Liz Abrams-Albert Morneault-Joan Conway



Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow...

Edward Sandford Martin

The day ended with a house full of Sambo players all dobbing away only hoping to fill in the blank spaces and be the first to shout “ I got it” or whatever they say when they think they won. Personally I’d rather sell water, sweep floors, do windows or whatever than sit all evening waiting for a winning number. But to each his or her own, the game is very popular as shown by the number of participants. TBS didn’t have any big winners but congratulations goes to Frank Cosentino for winning some money.



Chuck Potter & Bill Conway

After breakfast on Friday it was onto Holey Board. Many TBS teams entered and some survived into the later rounds. The team of Frechette-Russano met Conway-Potter in one of the most difficult semi- final rounds with Conway and Potter winning out. They went onto the finals and won easily over their competitors. Congratulations to both for a hard fought victory.

Other than the evening program the balance of the day was open until our scheduled business meeting and cookout. Please make sure you read your minutes so as to keep pace with what’s going on in your chapter.

**Saturday the last day of scheduled activities and what a day it was.**

Busy, I guess, beginning with Bocce Ball several of our crew spent the morning working those games while others participated in the ever popular Flea Market or Junk Swap as someone once labeled it. Both events required just about everyone’s participation including our three guests; they were of big help and their efforts were really appreciated. Bill Conway reports that Bocce Ball had many teams participating and everything for the most part went smoothly. Suggestions were made regarding scheduling since there was a conflict with the use of the equipment.; Lynne Morneault organized a very successful Flea Market. Wow! What a success it was. Once again a record for sales was set, \$285.25 net proceeds. Thank you all for your support and help and now onto the parade.

## EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE



Our chapter's presentation of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade isn't quite like you would see on television but our Kitchen Band proudly strutted around the parade route banging out sounds which can't be describe as musical but somehow they seemed to keep pace with the background Xmas music. Bravo to Director Caroline Johnson for putting the production on. Special thanks to Frank and Mary Cosentino for providing Santa's sled which carried Santa (Harold Johnson) Everyone felt sorry for that poor little, out of condition raindeer, who had to drag him around. Wow , he must have been exhausted. A lot of fun was had by all and as a result we impressed the judges and came in second. Congratulations to all.

The evening's program was highlighted by announcement of awards.

Parade TBS - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$25.00 Award  
Newsletter TBS - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50.00 Award  
Chapter of the Year - Went to Jax Rambling Sams, Chapter #3



From what we know, they were very deserving of this award. Once on the brink of being desolved, through the efforts of President James Walter they rebuilt their membership into an active chapter. We congratulate them and wish them well in the coming year.

## LIFE BLOOD OF A CHAPTER

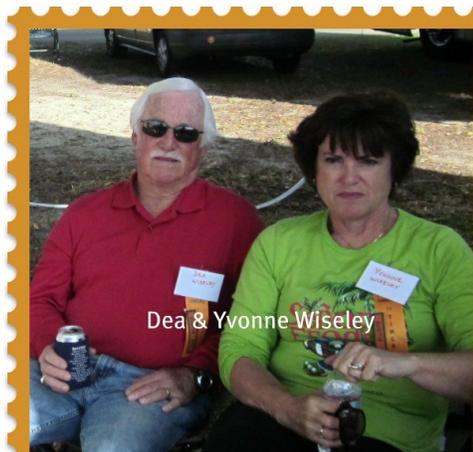
Survival and growth of a chapter is directly tied to its members. TBS has the best. Not only are we a strong chapter but we are much more, we are a family and our family is about to get bigger and better. Recently we have a couple of resignations because of sickness and or other reasons but in the wings awaits three (3) new prospective members. Last month Frank and Mary Cosentino came to their first meeting. They were at this Samboree which makes for their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Joining them at this Samboree was Dea and Yvonne Wiseley and Ray and Rita Turner.

For those of you who haven't met them we'll give you a little background information:

**Frank and Mary Cosentino** – please refer to your October Newsletter.

### **Dea and Yvonne Wiseley**

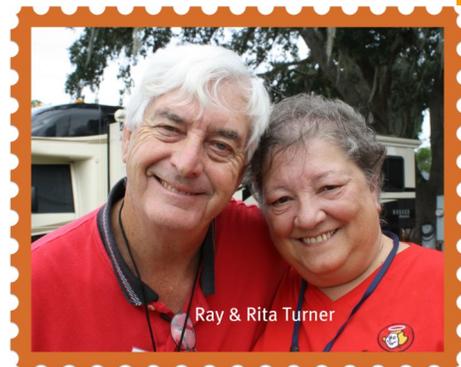
They are longtime residents of Florida currently residing in Sun City. Both Dea and Yvonne spent many years in the Marine Industry. Dea in sales and service of Marine propellers while Yvonne was in sales of Marine Insurance. They have three children and are the proud owners of a 36' Travel Supreme 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel. Both are very active in the Sun City community volunteering for church and Emergency Medical Squad.



Dea & Yvonne Wiseley

### **Ray and Rita Turner**

Currently residing in Zephyrhills they have been residents of Florida for the past nine years having moved here from Cumberland, Rhode Island.



Ray & Rita Turner

Ray is retired from a Public Utility Company and Rita retired from the Cumberland School District. Ray like to play golf and Rita likes embroidering. They own a 38' Damon Challenger and look forward to becoming a member of a Good Sams Chapter.

Frank and Mary cannot be with us at our Xmas Campout due to a long planned

cruise while the Wiseleys and Turners have already made their reservations and will join us at Rally Park.



**December Campout**  
 Our next campout will be at Rally Park in Seffner, FL., Early bird will be December 8th with the 9th and 10th as the campout dates. Please watch for further details from your hosts  
 John & Gail DuBose

**December**

- 1st - Bill Conway
- 6th - Colin Greseth
- 8th - Gail Du Bose
- 8th - Serge Frechette
- 13th - Liz Abrams
- 15th - Charlie Voyton
- 17th - Ceres Henning
- 17th - Lynn Frechette

**December**

- 24th - Deals
- 27th - Magedanzs

“ The older the fiddler,  
 the sweeter the tune  
 English proverb

**NOTICE: NEW LOCATION & DATES**  
**2012 Winter Samboree**  
 THEME - To be Announced  
 Rodeheaver Boys Ranch  
 380 Boys Ranch Road  
 Palatka, Florida  
 February 29 -March 4, 2012  
 Early Bird February 28, 2012  
[Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Photos](#)

**Health & Welfare**

Joan Conway is keeping you posted on the status of our members who are still going on with health problems. A last minute follow-up on Alex (Richard's grandson) He had an operation to remove the stent they had put in the oesophagus and leakage is still going on. He has now a severe lung infection and is on high doses of antibiotics. He will have another operation when he is strong enough where they are going to open the chest cavity and try to stop that leakage. Please, keep him and all the others in your thoughts and prayers



Happy Thanksgiving  
 to you  
 and your family

A few pictures from the  
 "Macy's Parade Kitchen Band"

